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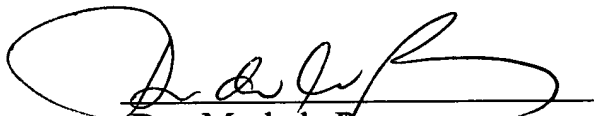
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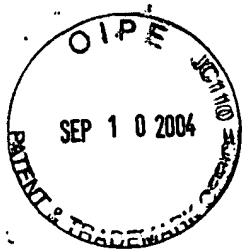
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In view of the patent issuance of the parent and related applications, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive system comprising: an additive comprising graphite, copolymer beads and at least one carrier, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof; and hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant.
2. (cancelled) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises copolymer beads.
3. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said oils are ~~carrier is~~ selected from a group consisting of ~~oils~~, hydrocarbon oils, vegetable oils, mineral oils, paraffin oils, synthetic oils, diesel oils, corn oil, peanut oil, soybean oil, ~~esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins~~ and mixtures thereof.
4. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises uintaite.